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Via E-filing

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Office of Proceedings  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Re: Notice of Exemption to Abandon a portion of the Norman Branch  
Line from M.P. 429.45, near Gurdon to M.P. 4+7, near Antoine, in  
Clark and Pike Counties, Arkansas, STB Docket No. AB-1076 (Sub-No. 1X)

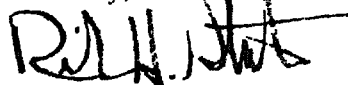
Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to the Board's petition for exemption procedures for abandonment and discontinuance of service of rail lines (49 C.F.R. § 1152.60), I filed a Petition for Exemption, including a Certificate of Service and Publication, in the above-referenced matter on behalf the Caddo Valley Railroad Company on October 27, 2011. A post-filing review has revealed that on page 6 of the Petition for Exemption the following sentence was inadvertently omitted: "Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it." That sentence should be incorporated by reference in the original Petition for Exemption.

In addition, I have attached various corrected pages which should be substituted for the original pages. They are: Page 1 of Exhibit 2 "Combined Environmental and Historic Report" (to delete Montgomery County from the caption); Certificate of Service (to substitute "(Sub-No. 1X)" for AB-1076X; Exhibit 2 "Certificate of Service and Publication" (to substitute "(Sub-No. 1X)" for AB-1076X at the bottom of page 1; Attachment 1 (to substitute "(Sub-No. 1X)" for AB-1076X; and Attachment 2 (to substitute "(Sub-No. 1X)" for AB-1076X. In addition, please note that the two zip codes that are traversed are 71943 and 71922.

If additional information is required, please let me know and it will be provided immediately. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Streeter

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Enclosures

**BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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**Docket No. AB-1076 (Sub-No. 1X)  
CADD VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY -  
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION -  
IN CLARK AND PIKE COUNTIES, AR**

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Caddo Valley Railroad Company ("CVRR") submits this Combined Environmental and Historic Report ("EHR") pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7 and 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d), respectively, for a Petition for Exemption of the abandonment of a segment of the Norman Branch line from Milepost 429.45 near Gurdon to Milepost 447 near Antoine, a total distance of 17.55 miles in Clark and Pike Counties, Arkansas (the "Line"). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 71922 and 71943. CVRR anticipates that it will file a Petition for Exemption to abandon the Line on or after October 27, 2011.

A map of the Line (Attachment No. 1) and CVRR's letter to federal, state and local government agencies (Attachment No. 2) are attached to this EHR. Responses received thus far to CVRR's letters are also attached.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT  
49 C.F.R. 1105.7(e)**

**(1) PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES.** Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

**Responses:** Caddo Valley Railroad Company ("CVRR") proposes to abandon approximately 17.55 miles of its rail line between Railroad Milepost

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(c), the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Combined Environmental and Historic Report in Docket No. AB-1076 (Sub-No. 1X) was served by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, October 7, 2011, on the following parties:

Arkansas State Clearing House  
400 East Capitol Avenue  
Little Rock, AR 72202-2418

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 4  
1875 Century Blvd.  
NE Suite 400  
Atlanta, GA 30345

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Little Rock District  
PO Box 867  
Little Rock, AR 72203

West Central Arkansas Planning & Development  
District  
835 Central Avenue, Suite 201/P.O. Box 21100  
Hot Springs, AR 71901

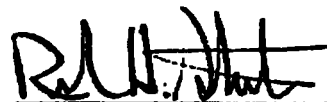
National Park Service  
Midwest Region  
120 Russell Labs  
1630 Linden Drive  
Madison, WI 53706

Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Suite 1200  
Dallas, TX 75202

State Conservationist  
Natural Resource Conservation Service  
101 East Capitol Ave.  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
1500 Tower Building  
323 Center Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

National Geodetic Survey  
Geodetic Services Division  
Information Services  
NOAAINGS12  
1315 E-W Highway  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282



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**EXHIBIT 2**

**DOCKET NO. AB-1076 (Sub.-No. 1X)  
NORMAN BRANCH SEGMENT**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND PUBLICATION**

**49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(D)(1) - Notice**

The undersigned certifies that on September 29, 2011, written notice was given of Caddo Valley Railroad's intent to file a petition for exemption to abandon the segment of the Norman Branch Line from MP 429.45 near Gurdon to MP 447 near Antoine, in Clark and Pike Counties, Arkansas in Docket No. AB-1076 (Sub-No. 1X). Written notice (a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 1) was served on the following:

Arkansas Public Service Commission  
1000 Center Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

National Park Service  
Recreation Resources Assistance  
Division  
Midwest Region  
601 Riverside Drive  
Omaha, NE 68102-4226

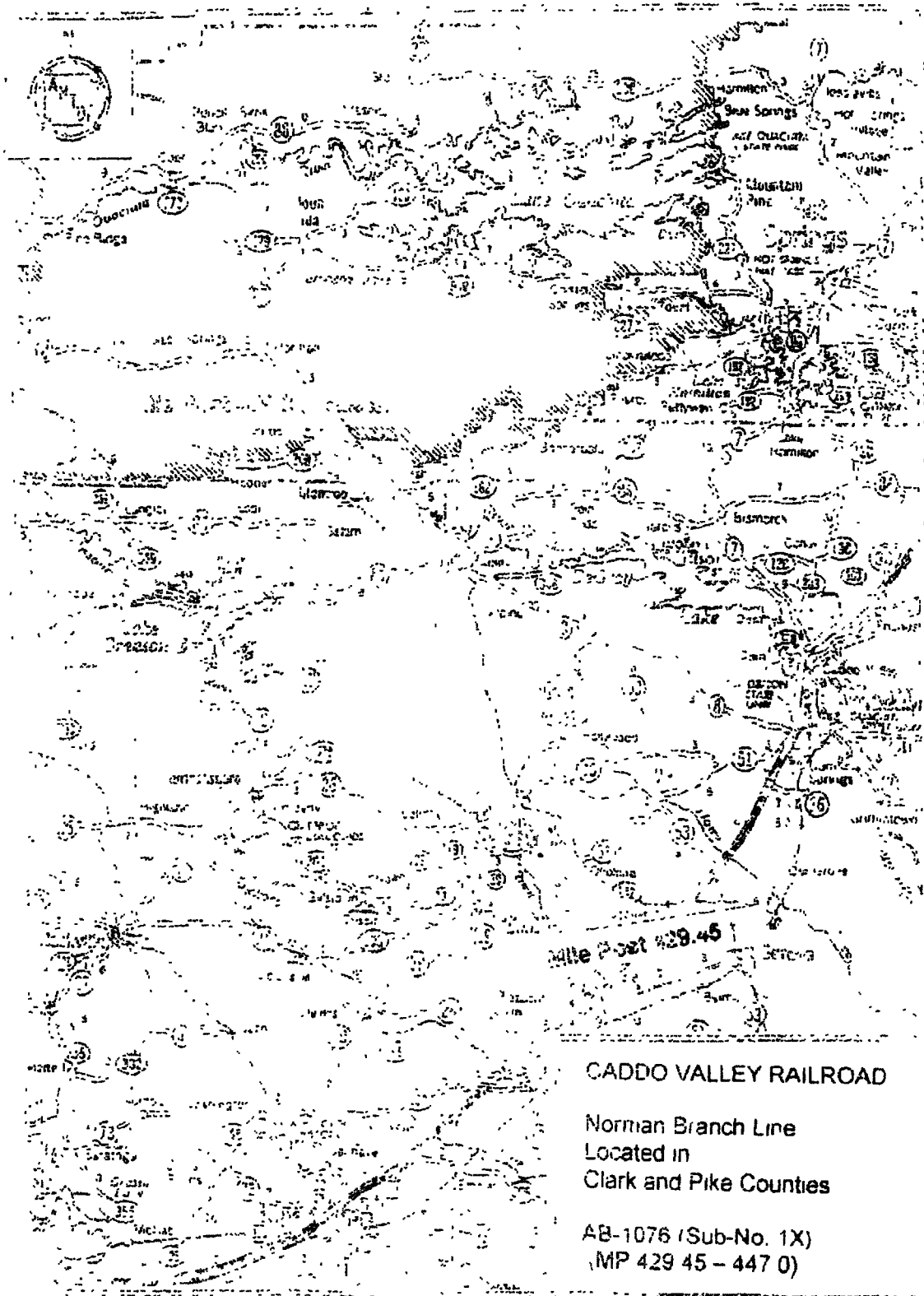
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture  
Chief of the Forest Service  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, N.W. Auditors Bldg.  
14<sup>th</sup> St. & Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250

Department of Defense  
Surface Deployment Distribution  
Command  
Transportation Engr. Agency  
Railroads for National Defense  
Program  
709 Ward Drive  
Scott Air Force Base, IL 62225

**49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 - Transmittal Letter for Applicant's Report**

The undersigned certifies that on October, 7, 2011, a Combined Environmental and Historic Report pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8 was served in Docket No. AB-1076(Sub-No. 1X) for abandonment of the

Attachment 1



ATTACHMENT 2

September 29, 2011

State Clearinghouse (or alternate):

Arkansas State Clearing House  
400 East Capitol Avenue  
Little Rock, AR 72202-2418

State Environmental Protection Agency

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

State Coastal Zone Management Agency

(If applicable):

Not Applicable

Head of County:

West Central Arkansas Planning & Development  
District  
835 Central Avenue, Suite 201/P.O. Box 21100  
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Environmental Protection Agency

(Regional Office):

Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Suite 1200  
Dallas, TX 75202

State Historic Preservation Office:

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
1500 Tower Building  
323 Center Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

U.S. Fish and Wildlife:

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 4  
1875 Century Blvd.  
NE Suite 400  
Atlanta, GA 30345

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Little Rock District  
PO Box 867  
Little Rock, AR 72203

National Park Service:

National Park Service  
Midwest Region  
120 Russell Labs  
1630 Linden Drive  
Madison, WI 53706

U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service

State Conservationist  
Natural Resource Conservation Service  
101 East Capitol Ave.  
Little Rock, AR 72201

National Geodetic Survey:

National Geodetic Survey  
Geodetic Services Division  
Information Services  
NOAAINGSI2  
1315 E-W Highway  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282

Re: Proposed Abandonment of segment of the Norman Branch Line  
from Milepost 429.45 near Gurdon to Milepost 447 near Antoine,  
a total distance of 17.55 miles in Clark and Pike Counties, Arkansas:  
STB Docket No. 1076 (Sub No. 1X)

To Whom It May Concern:

Caddo Valley Railroad Company plans to request authority from the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to abandon and discontinue rail service on the segment of the Norman Branch line from Railroad Milepost 429.45 near Gurdon to Milepost 447 near Antoine, a total distance of 17.55 miles in Clark and Pike Counties, Arkansas. A map of the proposed track abandonment shown in black is attached.

Pursuant to the STB's regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, and the environmental regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 1105.7, this is to request your assistance in identifying any potential effects of this action as indicated in the paragraphs below. We do not anticipate any adverse environmental impacts. However, if you identify any adverse environmental impacts, describe any actions that are proposed in order to mitigate the environmental impacts. Please provide us with a written response that can be included in an Environmental Report, which will be sent to the STB.